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Giangan language

Giangan (also known as **Klata**, **Clata**, **Bagobo**, **Atto**, **Eto**, **Guanga**, **Gulanga**, **Jangan**) is an Austronesian language of the southern Philippines. It is spoken on the eastern slopes of Mount Apo in Davao del Sur Province, as well as in Davao City (*Ethnologue*). They occupy a very small territory stretching from Catalunan to Calinan within Davao City.

The nearby Tagabawa language is also known as *Bagobo*, and is not to be confused with Giangan.

Giangan	
Klata	
Native to	Philippines
Region	Mindanao
Native speakers	(55,000 cited 1990 census)[1]
Language family	Austronesian ▪ Malayo-Polynesian ▪ Philippine ▪ **Giangan**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	bgi
Glottolog	gian1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/gian1241)[2]

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Classification

Formerly classified as one of the South Mindanao languages, Giangan is now considered to be a primary branch of the Philippine languages by Zorc (2019).[3]

Distribution

Traditional Clata (Giangan) population centers included the following barangays (*see also Districts of Davao City*).[4][5]

- Biao, Tugbok District, Davao City
- Tagakpan, Tugbok District, Davao City
- Dulian
- Sirib, Calinan District, Davao City
- Gumalang, Baguio District, Davao City
- Tamugan, Marilog District, Davao City

It is also spoken in Biao Joaquin, Calinan District[6] and in various parts of Baguio District.[7]

The Lipadas River separated the traditional Tagabawa and Clata territories, while the Talomo River (Ikawayanlinan) was the boundary separating the Tagabawas, Clatas, and Obos. The Davao River separated the traditional Bagobo and Clata territories.[4]

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External links

- Klata recordings (https://zorc.net/RDZorc/Klata-RECORDINGS/)
- Bagobo numerals (https://mpi-lingweb.shh.mpg.de/numeral/Bagobo.htm)
- Guiangan (Baguio) word list (https://abvd.shh.mpg.de/austronesian/language.php?id=1552) (Austronesian Basic Vocabulary Database)
- Guiangan (Sirib) word list (https://abvd.shh.mpg.de/austronesian/language.php?id=1551) (Austronesian Basic Vocabulary Database)

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